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- 1. Official records for the first six months of 1948 disclose that the value of reparations orders to be filled by the State of Mecklenburg during 1948 will almost equal that for 1947, and that in some categories it will be even higher.
- 2. In 1947, a large part of the reparations orders werefilled by the shippards and the lumber industry. Repair work on ships (178 seagoing vessels and tankers) amounted to over 180 million marks, while the construction of new ships accounted for approximately 20 million marks. Figures available for the first six months of 1948 show that, proportionally, orders for new ships during this period reached last year's level, while orders for repair of ships were below last year's figure. The following is a partial break-down of figures:

Lifeboats
Cutters
Luggers

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Reparations orders for lumber and processed wood amounted in 1947 to 54 million marks, compared to 29 million marks for the first six months of 1948. Figures for the wood industries are as follows:

	Quantity	1947 Approx. val. in marks	Quantity	JanJune 1948 Approx. value in marks	
Wooden bennets Woodenbhandes	500,000 cu.m. 70,000 cu.m.	35 million 2 5 million 1.5 million 1.5 million 10 million	225,000 cu.m. 23,000 cu.m.	20 million 1.7 million 0.5 million 6 million	
Floor boards	120,000 sq.m.	2.5 million	50,000 sq.m.	0.7 million	
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				(MIII	lon marks)	by reparations	_	
	Metallurgical indu	stry			6	80%		
	Scrap iron Malleable iron castings		million	marks				
	Non-ferrous metals	1.1	H,	,tt				
	Smithy products	1	TI	11				
	Machine constructi Electrical equipme and precision	nt	anics		55 6.5	85 % 7 <i>5</i> %		
-	Chemical products Soap	7	million	monles	10	60%		
	Perfume	3.1	11 .	11				
	Pharmaceutical products	2.1	11	H ·				
	Materials for tire repair	0.6	rt	11				
	Light industry Textiles				20 4	65% 65%		
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5. In the reparations account for 1947, prices quoted were in many instances far below the actual cost price. This, for instance, is true of wooden houses whose price was calculated at 14,000 marks each, although the actual cost price is 27,000 marks. Other items credited below their cost price are:

800,000 liters of alcohol, valued at 950,000 marks 100 million wall plates, valued at 14.mainton marks 1,400 medical chairs, valued at 500,000 marks

6. The reparations deliveries for 1947 included a large amount of foodstuffs, such as:

260,000 kg. of lactose, valued at 300,000 marks 70,000 hundredweight of potato starch, valued at 1.5 million marks 260,000 hundredweight of refined sugar, valued at 5.8 million marks

Deliveries of grain, flour, potatoes, fresh vegetables, canned meat and fat, cattle and other foodstuffs, came to much higher figures, whose total, however, is not known. It may be pointed out that weekly shipments from the eastern zone of Germany to Russia consist on the average of 60,000 hundredweight of live cattle, over 60,000 hundredweight each of potatoes and sugar, 130,000 hundredweight each grain and flour, and up to 40,000 hundredweight of fresh vegetables. Of all these items Mecklenburg supplies a considerable.part.